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SUBJECT: NCNA HANDLING OF A.K. I. DECEMBER 2 STATEMENT OF UN VOTE

CINCPAC FOR AMBASSADOR BUSH

1. USLO HAS OBTAINED FRENCH TEXT OF DECEMBER 2 A.K.I. STATEMENT ON UN VOTE. FULL TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL. COMPARISON WITH NCNA DECEMBER 3 REPORT REVEALS THAT AKI STATEMENT REFERS ON THREE OCCASIONS TO "TRAITORS" LON NOL, SIRIK MATAK, SON NGOC THANH, CHENG HENG, IN TAM, LONG BORET, AND SOSTHEN FERNANDEZ WHILE THESE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS ARE OMITTED IN EACH CASE IN THE NCNA VERSION. NCNA SUMMARY MENTIONS "LON NOL CLIQUE" ONLY ONCE.

2. DECEMBER 7 NCNA SUMMARY OF KHIEU SAMPHAN'S STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK'S TWO PRONOUNCEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 28 AND 30 DOES, HOWEVER, NAME ALL SEVEN INDIVIDUALS AT ONE POINT IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE FULL FRENCH TEXT OF KHIEU

SAMPHAN'S STATEMENT FOR COMPARISON.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING SIGNIFICANCE, IF ANY, OF
FACT THAT PEKING CHOSE TO EXCISE THE NAMES OF ALL GKR
LEADERS BELOW LON NOL FROM ITS SUMMARY OF SIHANOUK'S AKI STATEMENT,
ESPECIALLY SINCE NAMES ALL TOP PHNOM PENH LEADERSHIP WERE
CARRIED IN PEKING'S COVERAGE OF KHIEU SAMPHAN'S ENDORSEMENT.
IT IS JUST POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT PEKING MIGHT WANT
TO PORTRAY THE SIHANOUK FACTION AS BEING SLIGHTLY MORE FLEXIBLE
ON THE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT THAN THE IN-COUNTRY KHMER
COMMUNIST FORCES. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT PEKING FEELS MORE FREE TO
TINKER WITH SIHANOUK'S WORDS THAN IT DOES WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN'S.
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